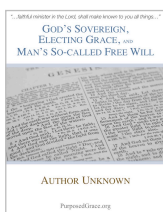


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“For this GOD is our GOD for  
ever and ever: HE will be our  
guide even unto death”

(PSALM 48:14)



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## **TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY!**

*"BUT YE HAVE NOT SO LEARNED CHRIST; IF SO BE THAT YE HAVE HEARD HIM,  
AND HAVE BEEN TAUGHT BY HIM, AS THE TRUTH IS IN JESUS"*

(EPHESIANS 4:20,21)

The Lord Jesus, the great prophet of His church, speaks to the hearts of His members. This is His superior excellence to all other prophets, for they can only speak to the ear. To attend a preached gospel is our constant duty. But all our profit and happiness arise from hearing the Saviour's voice to our souls. Under the outward ministry, inwardly to listen to the teachings of his Lord, should be every Christian's concern! Many cry, O what an excellent preacher! what a charming sermon! But why? Didst thou hear JESUS speak? did He teach? hast thou heard somewhat from Him? Thou knowest, disciple, though a Paul plants, though an Apollos waters, yet it is the Saviour's presence and power that give the increase of faith, love, peace, and joy—it is.

So the Saviour is pleased to teach; so disciples love to learn. Then is it well with the soul; for it refuseth to act and walk after the course of this present evil world; for he says, the Saviour hath taught me better. Why does he take pains to teach me the love of His cross? Why hath He instructed me in the truths of His salvation? Why hath He made known to my poor heart the unsearchable riches of His grace, redemption in His blood, forgiveness of sins, acceptance with God, and peace and love

from Him? And do I possess a “*good hope through grace*,” (2 THESSALONIANS 2:16) that as verily as I have learned Christ, heard Him, been taught by Him, and know the truth as in Him, I shall soon be with Him. After all this, can I walk in the vanity of my mind? can I turn aside from the free-grace truths of the gospel, to have my teeth set on edge with the sour grapes of corrupt human systems? Or canst thou ever think, disciple, that the liberty of the Spirit tends to licentiousness [sexual promiscuity] of the flesh, or that grace makes sin less hateful; or that a holy walk, and obedient life, doth not flow from the doctrines and teachings of our Saviour? Surely, thou must know, that as the work of JESUS’ life and death was to justify sinners, so the teaching of His Spirit is to sanctify them. And verily if this is done inwardly on thy soul, it will be evidenced outwardly on thy life, in separating thyself as a holy vessel, meet for the master’s use, from all sensuality and uncleanness; in “*putting off the old man with his deeds*,” [COLOSSIANS 3:9] and in serving our God and Saviour “*in newness of the Spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter*” (ROMANS 7:6).

[PASTOR] WILLIAM MASON

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHRIST

“...YE WERE NOT REDEEMED WITH CORRUPTIBLE THINGS, AS SILVER AND GOLD, FROM YOUR VAIN CONVERSATION RECEIVED BY TRADITION FROM YOUR FATHERS; BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST” — “...THIS DO, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME”

[1 PETER 1:18-19, LUKE 22:14-20]

I have some friends who, sadly, are listening to a man that uses the Lord’s table as a means to discipline the local assembly they attend. Well, that’s not what our Lord Jesus teaches His people. He didn’t say *this do* as a means to discipline the church, He didn’t say *this do* as a means to receive believing sinners or worse yet, exclude them. Rather our blessed Redeemer says to His people *this do, in remembrance of me* (LUKE 22:19). Believing sinner, remember, it was through His precious blood and His broken body that we have been made complete: That body in which He established a perfect righteousness to please His Father, on behalf of His people. Beloved of God, remember *ye are complete in Him* (COLOSSIANS 2:10). AMEN!

PASTOR

## **“MY GRACE IS...”**

*“AND HE SAID UNTO ME, MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE: FOR MY STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS. MOST GLADLY THEREFORE WILL I RATHER GLORY IN MY INFIRMITIES, THAT THE POWER OF CHRIST MAY REST UPON ME.”*

(2 CORINTHIANS 12:9)

The work which God gives into the hands of His pastors is God's work. The work He gives into the hands of His witnesses is God's work. The Sovereign of heaven and earth will soon discover this to us through enemies which He has foreordained that we face. We will face some who appear so full of light that if it were possible they would deceive even the elect of God. Yet God will expose them to be enemies of the righteousness of God and He will conquer them before us. There will be times when some within will depart from us and break our hearts. But God will use those things to reveal to us that there is absolutely no sufficiency in us for this work. He is not depending upon the strength of men; He teaches us not to depend upon men, not even those who profess to trust Him. We love our brethren, we receive one another without doubting, but we are to look only to Christ. Our strength is the grace of our God alone (2 CORINTHIANS 12:9).

PASTOR CLAY CURTIS

## **GOD'S ELECTING LOVE**

*“...WE ARE BOUND TO GIVE THANKS ALWAYS TO GOD FOR YOU, BRETHREN BELOVED OF THE LORD, BECAUSE GOD HATH FROM THE BEGINNING CHOSEN YOU TO SALVATION THROUGH SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT AND BELIEF OF THE TRUTH”*

(2 THESSALONIANS 2:13)

If God deals with man on man's own ground or state, all must be destroyed, for all are guilty, and but one entire mass of sin, as we have seen and proved. If, then, any are saved, it must be the sovereign, electing love and grace of God that saves, and nothing in any way on the part of man, for, I repeat it, there is no good, but only evil in him. How blessed and how beautiful, therefore, is the truth of God's electing love, for with out it, I say again, all must be lost. Is man, then, to find fault because God saves some, when He might justly and righteously have condemned all, and no man could righteously find fault. Is it not great mercy and love to save any? Assuredly it is; for if God dealt with man according to man's desert, when man had no merit but only evil in himself, He could not and would not have saved any.

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